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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL FOR COD WAR COMPROMISE

REF: OSLO 758

1. FORMINISTRY GIRGEN VIBE, SAYING THAT FORMINISTER FRYDENLUND HAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT HE INFORM U.S. EMBASSY, TOLD EMBASSY AT MID-DAY FEB 18 OF NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL TO BREAK COD WAR STALEMATE PUT FORWARD IN THE NAC ON THE MORNING OF FEB 18. THRUST OF NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL, ACCORDING TO VIBE WAS FOR BRITISH TO WITHDRAW WARSHIPS AND TRAWLERS FROM CONTESTED ICELANDIC WATERS IN RETURN FOR WHICH NATO COUNTRIES WOULD ESTABLISH A COMMON FINANCIAL FUND TO COMPENSATE BRITISH TRAWLERS FOR REVENUE LOST DURING NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO VIBE, BRITISH IN BRUSSELS PROFESSED INTEREST IN THE NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL AND REFERRED IT IMMEDIATELY TO LONDON FOR STUDY. (ASSUME U.S. MISSION NATO WILL BE REPORTING MORE FULLY ON PRECISE DETAILS
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OF THE NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL.)

2. VIBE WAS NOT OVERLY SANGUINE ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL. HE CITED AS "ONE HOPEFUL SIGN ADMIDST THE GENERAL GLOOM," A REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON FEB 18 THAT THE ICELANDIC EMBASSY THERE HAD TOLD THE NORWEGIANS THAT ICELAND WOULD PROBABLY BREAK RELATIONS WITH THE UK FEB 18 OR 19 "UNLESS THE BRITISH WARSHIPS WITHDRAW WITHIN 3 DAYS." VIBE SAID THIS LAST PHRASE OFFERED SOME HOPE THAT THE BRITISH AND ICELAND COULD STILL AVOID A BREAK.
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